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March 4, 2008

Mohave County Tech Prep
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Dear Sir or Madam:

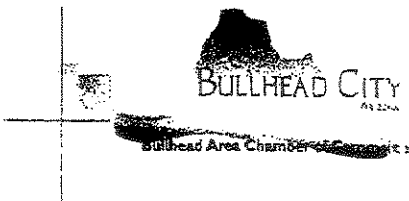
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Many local businesses have great difficulty in finding qualified workers in the area. Demand for employees in areas such as welding, early childcare, and hospitality is not being met, in part, because students do not have adequate skill development prior to exiting high school. Providing access to additional facilities, equipment and instruction in support of recognized industry certifications prior to exiting high school would benefit the economic and workforce development of this region.

For these reasons we support the concept of the JTED. Our students, who are our future, deserve access to education and training that will give them a head start in the world of work.

Sincerely,

Chonna Marshall
Chairperson



April 24, 2008

MS. NANCY SILK-SINAGOGA, Superintendent
Colorado River Union High School District
P.O. Box 21479
Bullhead City, Arizona 86439

Dear Ms. Sinagoga:

At today's meeting of the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, action was taken by way of a majority vote of the members present to endorse the concept of a joint technological education district as provided by Arizona Revised Statute 15-391 - 396.

Chambers of Commerce traditionally seek out new and innovative ways to maintain a strong local economy and encourage the support of programs that create and/or strengthen the development of a skilled workforce. To that end, we support the concept of providing high school level students with the opportunity to attain high-quality vocational and technical education while still in the public school system.

Programs that enhance existing vocational courses and programs that increase job skills and allow direct entry into the workplace and/or into the advanced continuing education system are paramount to our economy and strength of our business community. The Board of Directors therefore supports the possibility of creating the Western Arizona Vocational Education District.

Very truly yours,

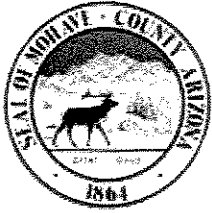
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**MOHAVE/LA PAZ YOUTH COUNCIL of the
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April 8, 2008

Ms. Amy West
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator
Kingman High School
4182 Bank Street
Kingman, AZ 86409

Dear Ms. West:

The Mohave/ La Paz Youth Council offers its full support in the development of a Joint Technological Education District (JTED) for Western Arizona. The Youth Council unanimously agrees that the JTED could increase the capacity of Mohave and La Paz County school districts to offer the in-depth, state-of-the-art career and technical training that is required to succeed in local occupations in demand.

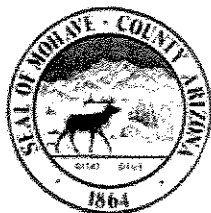
The Youth Council is a regional entity whose members are private and public sector youth advocates and service providers appointed by the Mohave County and La Paz County Board of Supervisors. The Council serves as an advisory body to the Mohave/ La Paz Local Workforce Investment Board. In order to advocate more effectively for the JTED, the Council requests a copy of the JTED plan that is submitted to the Department of Education defining the new District's educational goals and operational parameters. If the plan is made available prior to our June 11, 2008 Youth Council meeting, we will review it at that time.

Youth Council members realize that many local businesses have great difficulty in finding qualified workers in the area. Demand for employees in areas such as welding, early childcare, and hospitality is not being met, in part, because students do not have adequate skill development prior to exiting high school. Providing access to additional facilities, equipment and instruction in support of recognized industry certifications prior to exiting high school would benefit the economic and workforce development of this region.

For these reasons the Youth Council supports the JTED concept. Our students deserve access to education and training that will enable them to become skilled, productive employees and self-sustaining citizens of our communities.

Sincerely,

David McAtlin
Chairperson



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Annette Bunch,
Director

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April 23, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

Mohave Tech Prep offers its full support in the development of a Joint Technological Education District (JTED) for Western Arizona. We agree that the JTED could increase the capacity of Mohave and La Paz County school districts to offer the in-depth, state-of-the-art career and technical training that is required to succeed in local occupations in demand.

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Sincerely,

Annette Bunch

Annette Bunch
Mohave Tech Prep Director

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April 14, 2008

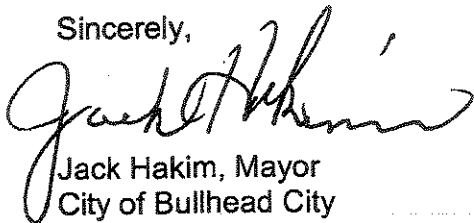
Mrs. Nancy Silk-Sinagoga
Colorado River Unified School District
5221 Highway 95, Suite #5
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426

Dear Nancy:

As Mayor of Bullhead City, I personally support the Colorado River Unified School District (CRUSD) in their support of the elections and development of the Joint Technology Education District (JTED). This program provides funding for students to learn trade skills.

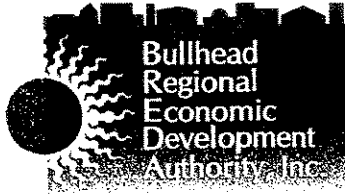
Providing a workforce of trained skilled labor is a necessity that should not be overlooked.

Sincerely,



Jack Hakim, Mayor
City of Bullhead City

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April 15, 2008

Mohave County Tech Prep
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Bullhead Regional Economic Development Authority, Inc. by unanimous vote of the Board is fully supporting the development of a Joint Technological Education District (JTED) for Western Arizona.

We agree that the JTED could increase the capacity of Mohave County school districts to offer the in-depth, career and technical training that is required to succeed local occupations in demand.

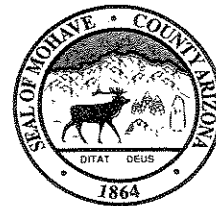
Sincerely,

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Richard Adams
President & CEO of BREDA

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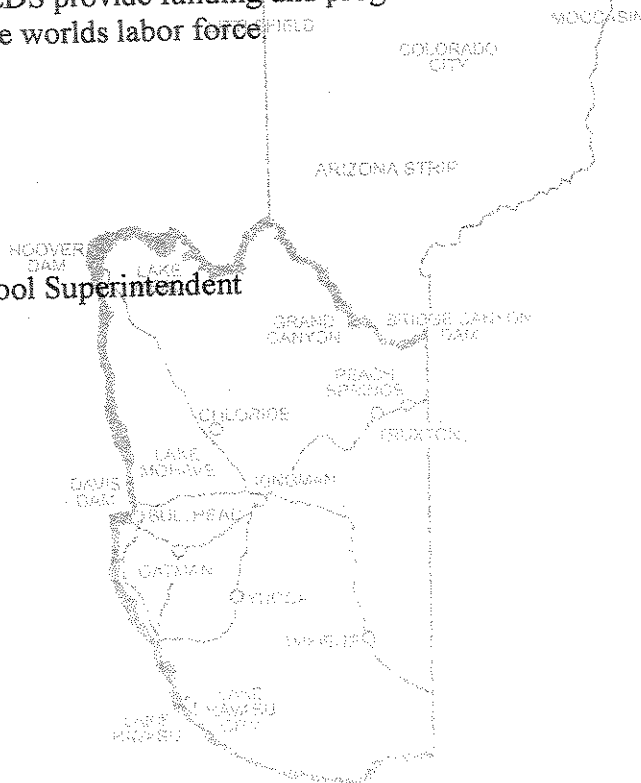
April 7, 2008

Dear Annette Bunch,

I am writing this letter in support of the election and development of the JTED, Joint Technology Education District. This is a great program for students attending Mohave County Schools. JTEDS provide funding and programs for students to learn trade skills preparing them for the worlds labor force.

Sincerely

Michael File
Mohave County School Superintendent



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March 10, 2008

Mohave Community College, Lake Havasu Campus
1977 West Acoma Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Dear Sir or Madam:

MCC Lake Havasu Campus is pleased to support the effort of the Lake Havasu Unified School District (LHUSD) toward the proposed Joint Technology Education District (JTED). In conjunction with the other Mohave County high school districts, we are supporting this addition to the November 2008 General Election ballot.

MCC has a long standing, strong relationship with the district and the Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs at the local high school. The concept of a continuum of education from elementary and extending beyond grade twelve is valued. There is a shared belief of the necessity to provide occupational training to high school students allowing them to transition and progress along the educational system. This belief allows for several exit and entry points as learners move closer toward their ultimate career goals. MCC continues to partner with LHUSD in many aspects of General as well as CTE. We agree that the JTED could increase capacity of quality offerings in CTE.

Sincerely,

Nicolas T. Sanchez Ph.D.

Dr. Nicolas T. Sanchez, Ph.D.
Campus President, LHC
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April 3, 2008

Arizona State Board of Education
Executive Director: Vince Yanez
1535 West Jefferson, Bin 11
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Mr. Yanez:

As Chancellor of Mohave Community College, it is my pleasure to pledge my support for the creation of a Joint Technology Education District (JTED) in Mohave County.

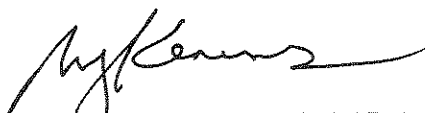
The current state budget deficits, enhanced high school graduation requirements, increased state and federal accountability standards, and receding local economy collectively have challenged each of the county's local school districts to provide more educational opportunities with fewer resources.

The College and school districts have partnered earnestly to create synergistic educational opportunities via dual and concurrent enrollment programs which continue to grow in number of students and academic programs every year. The additional dollars generated through local taxes and state funds of the JTED will enable this growing partnership to expand the breadth and depth of career options currently available to our students.

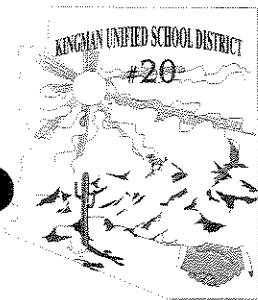
Furthermore, the creation of the JTED will serve as an economic stimulus engine for the local economy as it elevates the educational levels of our workforce. The downturns in the residential construction, hospitality, and associated peripheral industries have severely limited the traditional entry-level job opportunities available to recent high graduates.

Those programs created by the JTED will enable students to find jobs and begin careers in industry sectors previously unavailable to them because of limited funding at the local school district level.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Kearns, D.D.S., M.B.A.
Chancellor
Mohave Community College



Kingman Unified School District #20

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SUPERINTENDENT
Maurice Flores, Ed.D

April 8, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Kingman Unified School District #20 is pleased to support the formation of a JTED in the Mohave County area. We will be submitting our request to the Kingman Unified School District Governing Board for approval to proceed on April 15, 2008. Pending approval, we will concentrate our efforts in the formation of the JTED, along with Colorado River Union High School District #2 and Lake Havasu Unified #1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice Flores".

Dr. Maurice Flores, Superintendent
Kingman Unified School District #20